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3 April 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF OF DIVISION

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Activities of SE/PC-1

1. Although no agent infiltration operations were staged during March, overall activity increased sharply in anticipation of the advent of spring operations. Partly in connection with coordinating final details on 1952 operations, the Division Deputy for Policy Coordination, [] , spent the past three weeks in Europe. His agenda included a conference in London in mid-March with British service representatives to discuss the current status of BOFIEND/VALUABLE and visits with BOFIEND field officers in Athens and Rome. He also had a conference with King Zog in Alexandria where final agreement was reached in respect to the plans for the overland infiltration of the Zogist Team, which was clandestinely moved from Egypt to Greece during the month.

2. During March the PW campaign was highlighted by two leaflet operations including a special drop staged over Tirana on March 30 to add an unexpected feature to the second Congress of the Albanian Workers Party. These operations coupled with reports received by our staff in the field that, 1) the clandestine radio is being heard inside the country and 2) that the propaganda supply drops have had marked effect in morale and have boosted confidence in the National Committee augur well for the P/W campaign.

3. Broadening the National Committee was not achieved during the month under review, although the subject was thoroughly discussed at the London BOFIEND/VALUABLE meeting. The OPC and British service representatives at the meeting agreed on a proposed revision of the Committee which would include a general committee and four sub-committees assigned to Plans, Propaganda, Recruitment and Civil Affairs. The final form and implementation of this plan has been left to the BOFIEND/VALUABLE representatives in Rome.

4. Final liquidation of the main physical asset of project BOGFEND, the M/V Juanita, was held up during the month because of the inadequacy of the bids received to date. However, there is still the possibility that with the start of spring operations, there may be a use for the vessel within CIA.

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MONTHLY PROJECT STATUS REPORT
FOR MONTH OF
March 1951

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10. FACTS, EVALUATION AND COMMENT: (Use additional plain sheet if necessary)

A. Mission

See Sections II and III, Part II of the "Country Plan for Albania" for a discussion of the cold war mission and tasks.

B. Accomplishments**(1) Paramilitary**

a. There was no infiltration of BOPIED teams into Albania during the month of March. However, the more letters have been received in Rome from members of the agent team dropped into Albania in November, 1950 which we had previously considered as having defected to the Yugoslavs. In summary the team reported they have remained intact, have established a letter drop and plan to re-enter Albania on April 15th. At present they are inside Yugoslavia where they have succeeded in avoiding Yugoslav security forces. During the course of the past year occasional word has filtered from Yugoslavia about this team and at one point it was feared they had defected to the Yugoslavs. However, the afore-mentioned recently received letters contain a large quantity of operational intelligence about Northern Albania and a statement from the team that they remain loyal to the KPA and are willing to return to the country in its behalf. In light of the mounting evidence, it may be assumed that the team remains active on the Albanian-Yugoslav frontier where they have reportedly attracted a sizeable following.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current no.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Teams	0	0	9
Infiltrators	0	0	39
Exfiltrators	0	0	12 ³
Active (presently wintering in Yugoslavia)	4	4	8

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Current no.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Defected to Yugoslavia	0	0	2
Captured	0	0	4
Killed	0	0	9
Status Unknown	3	3	3

b. The program of supporting the four man team wintering in Prisren, Yugoslavia with food packages and money was completed during the month. It is expected that this team will re-infiltrate into Albania to resume operations during the coming month. This office plans to reestablish contact with the team via letter instructions from the HCPA.

c. During March the team of three supporters of King Zog conducted by Colonel Salmani, Royal Aide-de-camp was successfully moved from Alexandria, Egypt to Athens, Greece via Paris and Munich. With the cooperation of the OSO and OPC stations at [redacted], Frankfurt, and Munich, this team was covertly picked up and moved overland from Paris to Munich where they were detained prior to covert air-lifting to Athens on 26 March. The team is presently being trained and will be infiltrated overland into Albania on or about 21 April.

d. Regarding Walnut Team which was dropped into the Shkumbi Estuary area in October 1951 and has been carried on our records during the past months under the heading "Status unknown"; it must be fairly assumed that this team has been either captured or killed. However, until some definite word is received we will continue to carry this team in the "Status unknown" column.

e. No supply drops were attempted during the month of March.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current No.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Supply Missions	0	0	13
Supply Missions successful	0	0	4
Total Weight	0	0	4 tons

(2) Political

a. Psychological Warfare - The Voice of Free Albania, the BOFIELD clandestine radio station near Athens, continued its broadcast schedule of three transmissions daily during March. Reports from Northern Greece that the station is now being heard clearly have confirmed the predictions of the station technicians that the increase in effective sunlight hours has also improved reception of the station's signal. There were no reports of jamming during March.

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b. Publications

(1) The NCFA semi-monthly newspaper, Shqipëria, printed in Rome was published on schedule.

(2) 50,000 copies of the ninth issue of the miniature edition of Shqipëria were printed in New York per normal routine and sent to Athens to be used in air drops over Albania.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current no.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Shqipëria (issues)	2	2	37
Miniature Shqipëria (issues)	1	1	9
Miniature Shqipëria (copies)	50,000	50,000	450,000

c. The fifth issue of the NCFA newsletter was printed on the 23rd of February and mailed to more than 3000 persons throughout the world. The newsletter will continue to be published irregularly in English, French and Italian.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current no.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Newsletter	0	1	4

d. There was no propaganda supply drop over Albania during the current month.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current no.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Prop/Supply cans	0	1100	1100
Flour Bags	0	250	1000

e. During the month two successful leaflet raids were carried out over Albania by the BOYDND covert plane. On the 3rd of the month 630 pounds of leaflets were dropped over the Northeastern area. On the night of 30/31 March a special mission was flown to Tirana to drop 100,000 copies of the NCFA resistance slogan leaflet. This operation was designed to embarrass the Hoxha government and call attention to the activities of the NCFA, since the leaflets were dropped during the second Congress of the Albanian Workers' Party.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current no.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Leaflet	No. unknown	0	3,713,000 p1

f. Political Developments - The OPC and British service representatives met in London on 12-13 March for one of their periodic meetings to discuss the

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current status of FIEND/VAIHABLE. The OPC representatives were [] Deputy for Policy Coordination, SE; [] Senior CIA Representative [] [] [] BOFIEND Field Project Chief; [] BOFIEND Liaison Officer with the British; and [] BOFIEND Representative in [] to the HCPA. The meeting clarified several misunderstandings and revealed no basic differences between present BOFIEND and VAHABLE policies. Full agreement was reached in regard to propaganda and the scale of agent operations into Albania for the coming year. VAHABLE also agreed to a) the reorganization and broadening of the HCPA to give BOFIEND/VAHABLE more control and b) reconsider the preparation of a VAHABLE plan for a follow-up force. Points of divergence arose in regard to the type of political elements which would be acceptable to broaden the HCPA, the use of political groups outside the HCPA and, the appropriate number of flights over Albania during 1952.

g. Intelligence - Careful investigation during the month by several interested agencies revealed that rumors of a revolution within the country on 29 February were false.

A significant change in attitude has been detected in the propaganda of the League of Albanian Refugees which is controlled by the Yugoslavs. Hitherto this organization has officially maintained a very unfriendly attitude toward other Albanian Exile Groups branding them as fascists and self-interested rather than patriots. Recent reports have shown this group urging close cooperation between all Albanian exile groups in striving for liberation of their homeland. It is possible that this switch in attitude is a tacit admission of failure to attract a following since it now shows a willingness to cooperate with other powers.

Other significant intelligence reports from the area reveals that active opposition to the Tito regime on the part of some members of the Albanian minority in the Kosovo area continues. Undoubtedly, the fact that many Albanians are living in this area outside of the law, is a possible explanation for the success of two teams who have remained in the area and still maintained their loyalty to the HCPA.

During the month the Moscow press announced the assignment of a new "Ambassador" Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the USSR to the People's Republic of Albania and the subsequent release of the present "Minister."

Also, the Italian Foreign Office announced the assignment of a new minister-elect to the Tirana government during the month.

(3) Economic

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(4) Support

a. Training - The team of Zogist followers is presently being trained in Greece as infiltrates.

W/T training of Albanian infiltration candidates is continuing in Germany.

Requests for clearance have been submitted on 12 Albanians as potential infiltrates. Upon receipt of clearances, these men will be trained in G/W techniques.

On 26 March, six Albanians were moved from Greece to Germany for training.

b. Recruitment - A two man assessment team is currently in Greece where it has been ordered to assess a number of prospective BOFIEND agents.

c. Administration - [] Deputy for Policy Coordination, EE, spent most of the month in Europe and the Near East. A great deal of his time was spent discussing BOFIEND matters in London with the British Service, in [] and [] with field personnel, and in Alexandria with King Zog where the details of the afore-mentioned Zog Team operation were thoroughly discussed.

[] formerly attached to this office, entered on duty 20 March in Munich as the BOFIEND Staff Officer in that station. He replaces [] who is being moved to Frankfurt to assume duty as the Deputy for Balkan Operations to the Chief of the German mission.

C. Reactions

An Albanian recently exfiltrated from the Korca area to Greece, has reported to BOFIEND staff officers in Athens that the propaganda supply drop into Korca in December was received, the populace was able to retrieve some of the foodstuffs and a tremendous boost to morale resulted.

D. Conclusions

(1) Favorable conditions of which advantage was taken:

Negative

(2) Problems Encountered:

Negative

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(3) Deficiencies noted and corrective action taken:

During the past year there have been several indications of overlapping and duplicity in OPC/OSO operations due to a lack of proper liaison between the two offices at the field stations. During March, meetings were held in [] between PC and SO officers at which time agreement was reached in regard to the sharing of intelligence and operational information. It is expected that this great step forward will be used to good advantage in the field.

(4) Lessons learned:

Negative.

(5) Course or courses of action to be taken:

A plan, submitted by the BOFIEND Project Chief and the Rome Representative to the NCFA, which has as its mission the defection of Vera Pojane, President of the Albanian Red Cross, has been received and is under consideration. Mrs. Pojane is the Albanian delegate to the International Conference for the Protection of Children to be held in Vienna 12-16 April. The plan which has been submitted proposes that George Gogh, member of the NCFA General Committee in Rome and a former acquaintance of Mrs. Pojane, will contact her in Vienna and attempt to induce defection. During his recent visit to Rome, [] and approved the plan.

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10. FACTS, EVALUATION AND COMMENT: (Use additional plain sheet if necessary)

A. Mission

See Section III, sub-para 2.1, Part II of the Albanian Country Plan for the priority cold war task of collecting active PW in Albania, for which this sub-project was originally designed.

B. Accomplishments

(1) In connection with the liquidation of this project, efforts to sell the major asset, the M/V Juanita, are continuing. The vessel is presently being basically repaired prior to sending it on a sailing in the Mediterranean area.

(2) The final audit of the project's cover company, **E J**, has not yet been completed due to the auditor's other commitments, but it is anticipated in the immediate future.

(3) As has been previously reported, the cover company is being maintained on an inactive basis until such time as it is determined that it has utilized its usefulness to CIA as a cover organization.

C. Conclusions

The financial liquidation of the cover company is proceeding and will be completed in the near future. However, it is likely that the disposal of the M/V Juanita, will not be effected for some months. The field is and has been constantly on the alert for a suitable buyer. And, this office is on the watch for any new need for the vessel within CIA.

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